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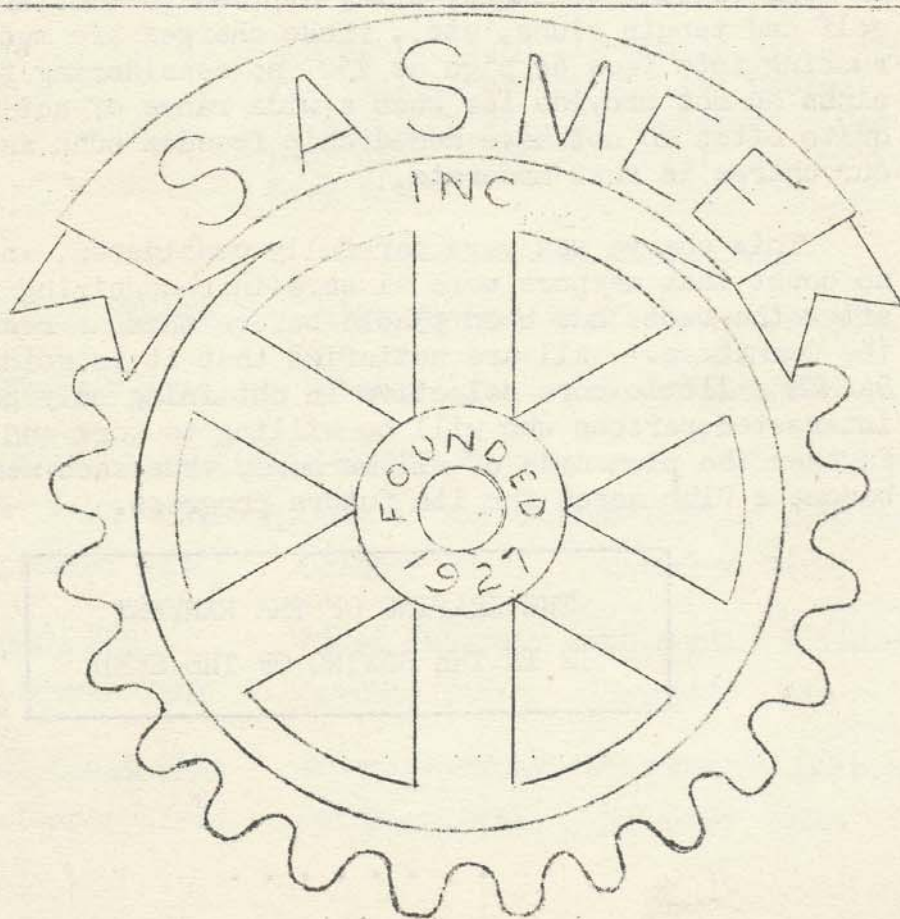
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EDITORIALENTRANCE FEE

We have now adopted a £5 entrance charge to all future adult applications for membership to the Society, in addition to the required annual subscription. This charge came into operation as from June, 1963, and is a flat charge with no rebates.

This charge is to recouperate the Society and its workers for our assets built up over the years by its many staunch members, for which new members have not had to toil or assist in finance and upon joining, gain the benefit of so much for such a small subscription.

This form of charge is common amongst societies and clubs with ground and assets which have been built up by the foundation members of such ventures, being applied particularly to bowling, golf and tennis clubs, etc., whose charges are much more severe, running into fees as high as £50, so considering that these clubs do not provide for such a wide range of activities, and quite often do not have membership freedom such as our Society, our charge is most moderate.

This charge was very carefully considered, and there is no doubt that members were sincere in recognizing its introduction after the facts had been placed before them as recommended by the Committee. All are satisfied that it is going to help keep SASMEE a little more selective in obtaining only genuinely interested persons who will be willing to work and SASMEE to further the pleasures of all members, thus each member will become a Club asset for its future progress.

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QUARTERLY AGENDA

GENERAL MEETINGS: Second Tuesday each month at 8.00 p.m.

September 10th. Lecture and Instruction on both Gas and Arc Welding by a technician from C.I.G.

October 8th. John Norris will favour us with a talk on his journey down the River Murray in his steam launch "Little Toot".

November 12th. A talk and Experiences by Member Herb Croker.

ARE YOU FINANCIAL? - IF NOT, SEE THE TREASURER.

You are allowed six months grace after which you will be struck off the books. A new application will be necessary - Cost £5 plus subs (See Editorial) So Pay Up and Save Now.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: First Tuesday each month 7.30 p.m.

September 3rd: October 1st: November 5th:

INTERMEDIATE MEETINGS: Fourth Tuesday each month 8.00 p.m.

(Informal meetings open to any discussions or problems)

September 24th: October 22nd: November 26th:

WORKING BEE: First Saturday each month, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

September 7th: October 5th: November 2nd:

PUBLIC FIELD DAY: Third Saturday each month 2.00 p.m.

September 21st: October 19th: November 16th:

Surrey Hills Live Steam Loco Society, Victoria.

The latest news sheet from Stan Millican reports that they are giving consideration to obtaining their own grounds to establish their Club. We hope that they are able to do this, thus establishing another strong interest for its members. Also, it was most inspiring to read of the efforts of model engineer members in providing a then young girl with artificial limbs, who had been a victim of polio.

These kind of reports always send an appreciation of our interest and skill through me, making me think that we model engineers are able to be of such help to people, and must give ourselves and others the knowledge that our hobby is also a great asset.

Stan also reports that one of their members has some Juliet locomotive parts available, including all boiler materials, for £12. If you are interested, contact the Secretary.

West Ryde Steam Locomotive Society, Sydney, N.S.W.

Secretary, Mr. McKellar writes that they have been washed out and have done very little at their grounds. They have been plodding on with their 5" gauge ground level track and have a fair length completed. He has for sale some 4 BA steel bolts $\frac{1}{2}$ " with a Hex Head at 12/- gross (very handy size and cheap). Also, he is offering Basset Lowke Steam Pressure Gauges $\frac{3}{4}$ " and 1" diam. each available to 120 or 150 lbs P S I priced at 58/6 each. If you require one, please advise Secretary. Mr. McK. hopes to be in Adelaide late Sept-Oct.

W.A. Society Model Engineers.

A letter from Jack Noonan thanks us for the hospitality given him and his fellow members attending our Easter gathering. Also, he tells that they held their 'Annual Rent Day' for the Boys Home where they have their track and pulled over 600 passengers in a little over three hours (This would be hard yakka!).

Sydney Society Model Engineers Ltd.

Their monthly bulletin reports that they have been having better gate takings for their public days and that they have also had a better turn up of members with loco's. I was interested to note that they are going to build a new chassis for their 8" gauge steam loco "Betsy" and have got castings on the way.

They are also having a stand at a model railway exhibition to be held at the Sydney Town Hall on September 27th and 28th.

The most important piece of news is that their Presidents Cup Day is being filmed by Channel 7 News Service and also, BP Australia is filming it for showing on Bob Dyer's Pick-a-Box show. Probably by the time this bulletin is printed, it may have been shown on our local station.

In the car news report, I was interested to read that one of their members has invented a new type gear box with a parting tool mechanism. This mechanism, unfortunately, parts off the rear axle when the car is in motion. Oh well!, it's all part of our game, but we hope that all his problems are soon overcome.

The Whyalla Society of Model Engineers.

Our last bulletin reported that there was a society starting and that they were hoping to get some land and get established.

Well, they have certainly got steam up. The President is Roger Spurling and Secretary, Max Munchenburg.

Their first news sheet is to hand and is titled "Coal Eaters Journal", which is very informative. They have been granted two acres of land by the City Commission, which was more than expected, and now has them busy stretching their original track idea of 1/10th of a mile to a much larger track. They have made some 96 concrete piers, using our idea of charging for initials. I'm sure that some of our members would like to have their initials on some.

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NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS (contd.)

They have erected 15 piers and according to a letter from Max, they look like "tombstones".

Roger and Max visited us for our last Field Day and enjoyed themselves immensely amongst the loco's. They both had the thrill of their lives behind Morry Turner and his "Jubilee" testing the new track over the bridge.

Both these enthusiasts have obtained drawings for 5" Springbok and are now keener than ever to get started on building one for themselves and one for a club loco, since being injected with superheat steam and hot lub. oil.

Max Dunkley brought along his Springbok and patterns, and Morry Turner and Yours Truly brought our loco's. This gave Roger and Max some first hand information and Max Dunkley assisted them immensely, which they gratefully appreciated.

There is no doubt that Whyalla has some keen enthusiasts and with Roger and Max at the throttle, they should be steaming steadily on.

We have wished them success and look forward to constant contact.

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We all regret the loss of member Les Green, who passed away last month, after a long illness.

Les. was known to many of us for his experiences and keen interest in marine steam engines, on which we regarded him as an authority and he gave us many hints on construction. He also served on our Boiler Safety Committee and gave us endless points to watch in their construction.

He assisted in putting one of our stationary engines into good working order, and loved nothing better than to be in the steam house amongst the many interesting engines.

Les will be sadly missed by the many who sought his advice and enjoyed chatting to him.

Our sympathy has also gone to Claude Miller with the loss of his younger brother, to whom he was greatly attached and whose loss has greatly stunned him.

We trust that Claude is soon able to be amongst us.

As promised in the last issue of our bulletin, I have run a separate lift out centre sheet on the work of the late Mr. Vic. H. Messer, and his association with SASMEE.

I have to thank Claude Miller for the facts and photographs and hope that it is well accepted.

I decided to run it as a memento sheet which can be kept by members, as I have had numerous enquiries from members and Interstate Clubs, all keen to have something on this world-wide known Master of Modelling.

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Vin O'Toole writes from Geelong extending an invitation to any members wishing to have a run on his private $3\frac{1}{2}$ "G track over the Eight Hours Day holiday week-end on 14th October. When over at Easter, some members mentioned that it would be a good idea if it could be arranged.

Well, Vin is arranging his end with invites to the Surrey Hill boys and I daresay, some of his locals, and has offered to make any accommodation bookings. Barbeque lunch and tea will be provided.

Well, it could be a wonderful week-end and any members interested would be well taken care of.

AROUND THE GROUNDS

Yes, as the heading states, it won't be long before we'll be able to go around the grounds "by train" if we are able to keep up the good work on our track building program.

Morry Turner has things well organized, and since the introduction of the first Saturday each month as a full day working bee, a good roll up of helpers has resulted. Although Morry and a few of us are regular weekly attenders, it is much better being able to plan bigger jobs for this working bee and have the spade-work done in between. However, if any member can make it any Saturday, he can be assured of a worthwhile job (plenty of praise but no pay).

To date, we have now completed about 400 ft. of new track over the bridge and are well on with the tunnel, having dug it out (thank goodness for the rain) and have laid 50 ft. of track on Besser blocks and cemented the floor. By the time this bulletin reaches you, the walls will be up and possibly, the roof on.

Our system of rail insulation works perfectly, and Tom England, who is also a regular attender, tested each 20 ft. section before it was welded together and to date, in the 400 ft., has not found one fault.

Last field day, Morry and Claude Miller tried their loco on the grade and over the bridge. So pleased were they, that it took a lot of coaxing to get them back on to the old track.

Bill Perin and Eric Powditch have buried the water pipe which skirted the pond and often, was a source of danger and annoyance to the boat enthusiasts.

Incidentally, here's a few astounding figures on who's doing the most on the construction of the rail track:

	<u>Approx.</u>	<u>Approx Av. Attendance.</u>	<u>% Attendance Membership.</u>
Boat Members	18	8	44.4
Rail Members	40	14	35.
Miscellaneous	<u>24</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>16.6</u>
	<u>82</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>31.7</u>

This does not include honorary or student members, and is a rough count of members from our list who are fairly regular attenders, but it does show that the boat boys are more than pulling their weight. What about it loco men? After all, you are going to have the fun.

Anyhow, considering our average attendance at working bees, it is fairly good, being generally above average of other clubs. But it leaves room for increased activity by loco members and also gives a good reason for introducing our entrance fee. Too many players and not enough workers.



Well, we hope to have this new loco on the track shortly. Photo shows Joe Vardon testing his $3\frac{1}{2}$ "G "Heilen Lassie", which performed very well. Since this photo was taken, Joe has almost completed it, so it should not be long now.

AMONGST OURSELVES

We had a surprise visit from Tom Armstrong who, as most of you know, is now residing in Perth.

Tom 'phoned me thinking that last Tuesday was our General Meeting. He was greatly disappointed when I told him that he was one week out with his reckoning, as our meeting was held the previous Tuesday. However, I told him that we would be working on our new track and if he wished, I would pick him up. This, he accepted, and although the weather was anything but good, we went to SASMEE and Tom was amazed at our progress. He enjoyed meeting some of the boys and had a wonderful chat. He has settled in over in the West and has joined the Perth Model Engineer Society.

Tom is now in his own home and has been busy setting up the first essentials "his workshop" and is anxious to get on with his "Heilen Lassie" which has been shelved for some 18 months.

His address is, 155 Brighton Road, Scarborough, W.A., and he would be very pleased to hear from any of the boys.

Charlie Manning bobbed along also on Saturday, and as we hadn't seen him for some time, I learnt that he has been very ill with arthritis. We hope that he will soon be feeling much better and able to get out amongst us all soon.

My apologies to Herb Croker over my error in our last bulletin, reporting that he had won 2 bronze and 1 gold medal at the exhibition. He informed me that it was 2 gold and 1 bronze. All the more reason for hearty congrats. from us all, Herb.

I haven't heard any more from Mr. Fred Hercus, but Ralph Excell informs me that he is expected home in October.

New member Clarry Burden has been giving a great deal of his time in helping us with our new track. Thanks a lot, Clarry, it's nice to have you with us. Only hope you can keep it up and find time to build that loco as well.

OUR ANNUAL SHOW OF WORK

This year's show of work was rather disappointing from the usual wide range which has been displayed.

There were a great number of locomotives under construction on show which, apart from Norm Kernick's model tug, was all to be seen.

However, for all this, it was very pleasing to see so many new loco which will be on the track within the next 12 months or so.

The certificate of merit went to Norm Kernick for his beautifully detailed and finished $\frac{1}{4}$ " scale model tug "Moorcock".

Norm gave us a short talk on its construction and his ingenuity in overcoming many problems gave us continued appraisal for his fine effort and satisfied all that the certificate was well deserved.

AMONGST OURSELVES (Contd.from P.10)

Yours truly has changed his place of employment after nearly 20 years with Coltons, and has no further connections with this Company. My new job is more interesting and has much better possibilities.

This bulletin is being typed and printed by the goodwill of member Ken Middleton. At least, I hope so, as I have to write before Ken can print it. How he'll read it, I'll never know, so any mistakes, please blame me.

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